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# Peering Across the Divide : Cross School Peer Support Scheme for Students

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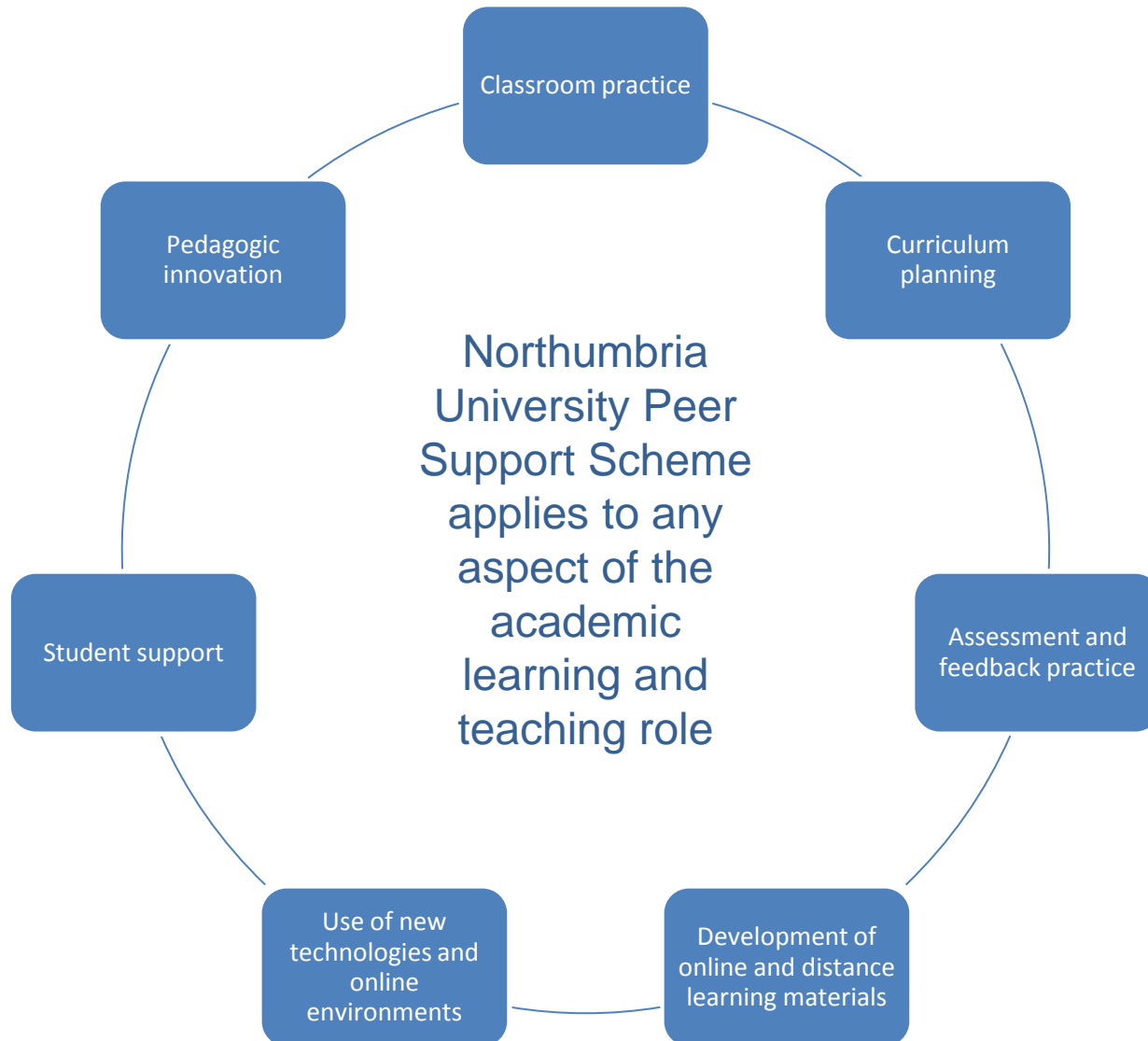
## Peer Observation

- Accountability (Allen, 2002)
- Enhancing learning and teaching through reflection (Brown & Jones, 1993)

## Peer Support

- A tool for *discussion and promotion* of best practice (Gosling, 2005)

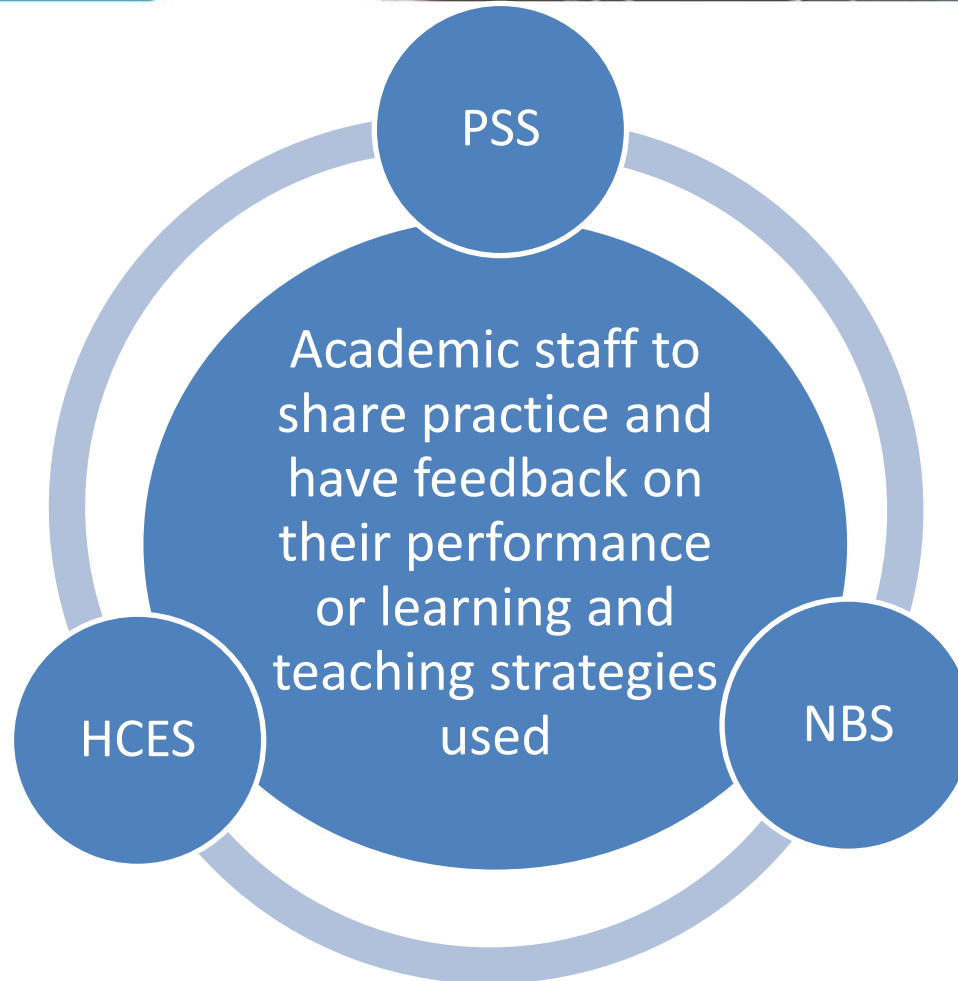
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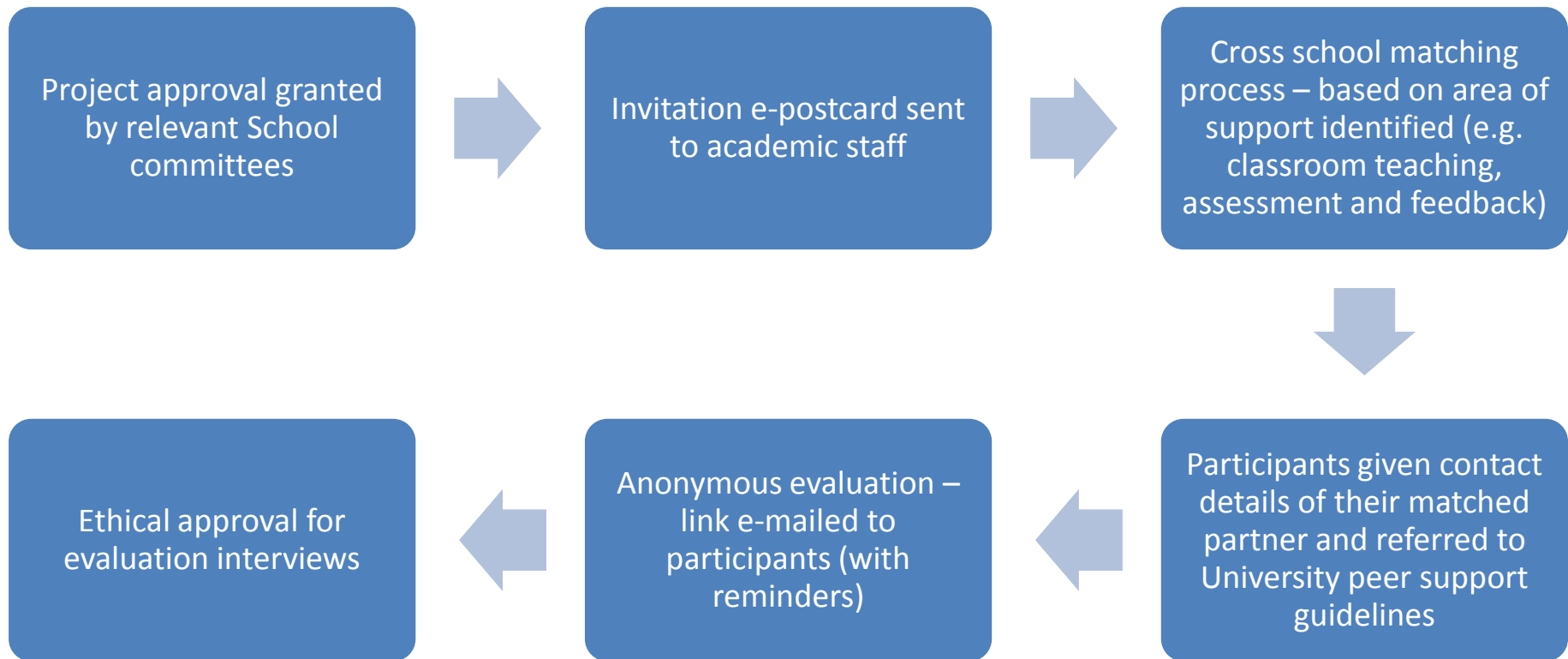


## **Intended benefits of Northumbria Peer Support Scheme**

- Gain insight into different learning and teaching strategies used in another subject area
- To learn from others' experience
- To have a truly independent observer from outside their peer group
- To have more focused and productive feedback from an individual who has experience in the particular learning strategy under review



# Pilot Study for Cross School Peer Support Project







# Online Evaluation

	Participants	Respondents	Response rate
HCES	8	4	50%
PSS	7	4	57%
NBS	3	3	100%





## Benefits of Cross School Peer Support

- Sharing good practice with colleagues and opportunities to share ideas
- Commonalities of challenges faced
- Externality and a fresh independent perspectives



## Impact

- 56% of participants identified an element in their academic practice that they would change for the next academic year as a result of participating in the scheme
- 91% of the participants said they would participate in a cross-school peer support scheme in the future



## What next...?

- Repeat project in the three schools
- Apply for external funding (HEA)
- Re-evaluate
- Dissemination - internal workshop, conference, Emerge



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# Any Questions?